

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0001] beginning at page 1, line 3 as follows:

This application claims the benefit International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/027193, filed August 20, 2004, which further claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/497,007 entitled "TOPOLOGICAL VOICEPRINTS FOR SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION" and filed August 20, 2003, ~~the entire disclosure of which is~~ entirety of which are incorporated herein by reference as part of the specification of this application.